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LAKECARRIERS' FEAR

ANTICIPATE LOWERING OF LEVEL OF LAKE MICHIGAN.

Think Chicago Drainage Canal Will Do It—Hostility Toward St. Mary River Canal Scheme—Excellent Wheat Prospects, Barring a Few Sections.

Representatives of the Lake Carriers' Association appeared before the House committee on rivers and harbors in Washington and informed Chairman Burton that the association had reconsidered the proposition concerning the construction of the new power canal at St. Mary and had determined to have an understanding with the Canadian Government on the matter before they would consent to a compromise. This conclusion of the lake men was a surprise to the canal people and to the members of the committee, because it has been understood that the amicable feeling reached by both sides a month ago would have the effect of allowing the ditch to be dug without hindrance. A man fully informed on the subject said that the lake carriers have been alarmed ever since this agreement was reached. He said that the lake men may seem to be "stagnant" as a result of the feeling that the Chicago drainage canal would not lower the water of the Chicago river or of Lake Michigan as promulgated by engineers before the canal was built but caused only a change of level. They claim that they have based all their estimates upon the conclusions of engineers, and, having seen the error of the theory in the case of the Chicago canal, they have decided that it is not safe to place too much reliance on expert prognostications.

TWO REPORTS TO BE MADE.

There is an unfavorable side to the situation. Bradstreet's has this to say of the condition of business: "Evidence of the fact that there are now two sides to the general trade situation, where for a year past there was but one, came to light each week. Different sections of the country and lines of business are showing reports, but that the situation as a whole is a favorable one and suffers merely by comparison with the enormous and almost feverish activity of some time ago is also evident. Crop prospects, except in the wheat area of the central west and in some western sections of the south, remain all that might be wished for. Retail demand is improving, and nothing of a definitely depressing character has yet developed. One of the most favorably situated industries is that of shoes. Paints, oils and drugs are also in good distribution. In agricultural products the situation is generally one of sustained strength. Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregating 3,888,963 bushels, against 3,580,451 bushels last week. Corn exports for the week aggregating 3,620,604 bushels, against 3,587,747 bushels last week."

THINK DEATH DUE TO MURDER.

Adolph Spitzel Receives Fatal Injuries at a Hot Springs Resort. Adolph Spitzel, a well-known sporting center of America, died at Hot Springs, Ark., from concussion of the brain and it is believed he was murdered. He was found lying on the steps of a resort with blood flowing from his mouth, nose and ears. A rock was near Spitzel's head when he was found. The police and a jury were summoned. Spitzel came from New Orleans several weeks ago.

Contests on the Diamond.

The standing of the clubs in the National League is as follows:

W. L.	W. L.
Philadelphia...	3 New York...
St. Louis...	3 Pittsburgh...
Brooklyn...	3 Chicago...
Cincinnati...	3 Boston...

In the American League the standings are:

W. L.	W. L.
Milwaukee...	3 Indianapolis...
Cleveland...	3 Buffalo...
Chicago...	3 Detroit...
Kan. City...	3 Minneapolis...

Ranchman Shot by a Neighbor.

A. E. Calhoun, a well-to-do ranchman, living eighteen miles south of Whitman, Neb., was shot by a neighbor, a neighbor, they engaged in a quarrel, and when the dispute became heated Calhoun ordered Connor off the premises. During the discussion Connor pulled a revolver and shot Calhoun in the abdomen, inflicting a fatal wound.

Horses Tear a Scaffold Down.

In an accident at the new State capitol at St. Paul, Alfred Swanson, a mold maker, was killed by the breaking of a scaffold on which he was working. The wheel of a passing street car caught a rope attached to a scaffold on which the men were working, and the horses literally tore the scaffold down.

Slay His Wife and Himself.

At the home of Luther Brewer, seven miles southwest of Upper Sandusky, O., William Bolward, aged 34 years, shot his wife, 23 years old, and then killed himself. Both died instantly. The parents have been separated three months.

Disaster at Paris Exposition.

An accident within the exposition grounds in Paris caused the death of nine persons and injured forty. A temporary bridge, although closed to traffic, collapsed, burying under the broken timbers and heaps of debris.

Capt. Carter in Prison Garb.

Oberlin M. Carter, former captain in the United States army, has arrived at Leavenworth, Kan., to begin his term in the army penitentiary for defrauding the Government. He was put at work as bookkeeper, and later may be employed as civil engineer.

Marries G. M. Pullman.

George M. Pullman, one of the twin sons of the late palace car builder, has taken a second wife. The bride was Mrs. Louise Bowers of Chicago, divorced wife of Fred V. Bowers, the song writer.

Mrs. Lathbridge Free.

Mrs. Lathbridge is now free after being held for several days by the authorities. She was arrested in connection with the case of the woman who was found dead in the water near the city of Chicago.

Actor Tries to End His Life.

Edward Lathbridge, actor, attempted to end his life by taking cyanide at the home of Mrs. Agnes O. Smith, who is 85 years old. He was found by a neighbor and taken to the city hospital in a serious condition.

SAVED BY PRESENCE OF MIND.

Miss Brown, 14 years old, attended Sunday school at English Ind., and started home about 5 o'clock, taking the railroad track as the shortest way. She had reached the middle of a trestle that spans a ravine about 300 feet wide when a fast freight train came near the trestle. The girl saw it would be impossible to reach the farther side before the train would be upon her, and, with remarkable presence of mind, she stepped to the edge of the trestle and as the train came up, swung herself down by her hands, and hung from the cross-ties. The engineer saw the girl, and as soon as the train cleared the trestle he jumped from his cab and hastened back. He found her clinging to the cross-ties, and she was almost exhausted when the engineer caught her by the hands and pulled her up on the trestle. The ravine over which she was suspended was seventy-five feet deep.

SAVES AN INNOCENT MAN.

Former Convict Testifies Against Him—self before a Coroner's Jury. John McGann, a former convict, went before a coroner's jury at St. Louis and, to save an innocent man from suffering for the accidental shooting of a man, gave sufficient evidence against himself to return him to the penitentiary for the testimony he had given in a criminal court. The inquest was on the body of Joseph Opperman, shot by John Marienthal in the latter's saloon. McGann testified that he was engaged in picking the pockets of McGann and that McGann, in turn, had picked McGann's pocket. McGann testified that McGann had shot McGann and that McGann had shot McGann.

BATTERIES OF NEW WARSHIPS.

System Embracing Twelve Guns in Turret. The question of the character and arrangement of the main batteries of the projected battleships Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Georgia came up at a meeting of the board on construction in Washington, this time on a suggestion of Rear Admiral O'Brien, chief of the bureau of ordnance and chairman of the board, that the battery arrangement similar to that of the Iowa in turret guns be agreed to. At this meeting the proposition to adhere to the battery embracing twelve guns in a turret, four turrets and eight guns, was submitted. While no vote was taken it was evident that three of the four members of the board present were better satisfied with this arrangement than that embracing the superimposed arrangement.

MEXICAN TOWN IS BURNED.

Panama Destroyed by Flames, the Loss Being \$2,225,000. Panama, Mexico, one of the most important trading towns on the east coast of the Republic of Mexico, has been destroyed by fire. Panama is a town of 11,000 people, and the loss is estimated at \$2,225,000. The fire started in a distillery.

Colombia Judge Is Disbarred.

At Columbia, S. C., the Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the lower courts in the case of Judge Frank Dellenbaugh of Cleveland, and he stands disbarred from the courts of Ohio. The ground of disbarment was that Judge Dellenbaugh "shared a fee with an attorney in a case which came before him."

David C. Bunce Killed.

David C. Bunce, president of the Union Mining syndicate and one of the most prominent mine owners and promoters in the West, was killed at Lead City, S. D., while inspecting a mine in company with a number of New York stockholders. He stepped backward into an old shaft and fell 500 feet.

Three Murderers Hanged.

Tennessee's first triple hanging, and the first execution to take place in McIntosh County, was held the other day. When William Brown and Joseph Watson, white, and Soule Crain, colored, murderers, executed their crimes on the gallows. The execution was witnessed by fully 5,000 people.

Two Big Sawmills Burned.

Fire at Atkinson, Mich., destroyed two sawmills of the Metropolitan Lumber Company. The loss between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The lumber piled in the yards escaped the flames. The Metropolitan Lumber Company expected to saw 25,000,000 feet of lumber this summer.

Blasting Powder Explodes.

One man was blown almost to atoms, two men received injuries which will probably prove fatal and eight men and a girl received serious injuries by an explosion of several tons of blasting powder and dynamite at Larimer, Pa.

House Falls and Seven Are Hurt.

Seven persons were injured in the partial collapse of a double two-story frame building at 1712-14 State street, Chicago. The building stood five feet from the street level and it struck the ground with great force.

Big Strike in Oil Fields.

The biggest oil well tapped in the Pennsylvania fields since May 18, 1882, is the Blossburg Oil Company's new strike at Blossburg, Pa., which is in the Toga County. The well is flowing at the rate of 100 barrels an hour.

Lump Causes a \$50,000 Fire.

At Foxburg, Pa., fire started by the explosion of a lump consumed the American Hotel, Thomas Grant's general store, Dale's hardware store, the Allegheny Hotel and Johnson's men's furnishing store. Loss \$50,000.

Fell from Grace.

David Haddington Shields, once one of the most admired pulpit orators in the central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Church, died in a Philadelphia hospital, poor and friendless.

Brickmakers Demand Higher Wages.

The brickmakers here are demanding an increase of 25 cents a day on their present wages.

Drowned With a Baby.

Mrs. William Saner was drowned here, with her 6-month-old daughter, in the Schuylkill River. The body of the child was found in a Philadelphia hospital, poor and friendless.

W. E. Durbin for Governor.

Endorsed by Republican State conference in support of William E. Durbin, a candidate of the Republican party, in a full ticket.

Labor Union in Chicago.

One man was shot and instantly killed, and six others were wounded in a riot which has been in progress at the Baker

BURGHESSESLIPAWAY

ESCAPE ROBERTS' TRAP NEAR WEPENER AND FLEE. Trek for the North After Freeing Wepener—British Not to Entrap Entire Army Useless—Disaster in Pretoria Around—Ten Wounded Killed.

COULTERVILLE BANK ROBBERED.

Safe Blowers Get \$5,000 in the Illinois Town. Burglars took \$5,000 from the vaults of the bank in Coulterville, Ill., during the early hours of the morning and made their escape. The robbers are supposed to be members of the gang which has operated throughout that State, Indiana and Wisconsin during the last six months. Not the slightest trace has been obtained of their identity. The Bank of Coulterville is a private institution, owned by J. L. A. Nisbett. The village is practically without police protection and the burglars had little difficulty in securing entrance to the bank building. They drilled through the outer door of the bank and entered the vaults. The robbers made their escape without a shot being fired. The bank is now closed and the money is being sought.

HEIRLESS ELOPES WITH A BOY.

Girl of Fifteen Years Runs Away to Wed Young Lover. Mary Brunell, an heiress of Springfield, Mo., who inherited \$120,000 from an estate in France a few years ago, and who there has been much litigation, eloped with a young man, John Keyes. The couple were married at Miami, in the Indian territory. Miss Brunell is only 15 years of age and the young man, of whom but little is known, is said to be 16 years old. Before the girl could obtain a license in Missouri it was necessary to go to the territory, where the marriage laws are more liberal. Prominent parties are believed to be interested in the elopement for pecuniary reasons.

Falls Heir to \$1,000,000.

By the death of an uncle in Hungary, Mrs. Annie Stein of St. Louis has fallen heir to \$1,000,000. Together with her son, she will inherit the fortune. Mrs. Stein will not early in May take possession of her inheritance, \$4,000,000 having been sent her to defray the expenses of the trip to Europe.

New Road Into Hot Springs.

The second railroad line ever built into Hot Springs, Ark., has just been opened. It is called the Little Rock, Hot Springs and Memphis Railroad, and it will run a through train service from Memphis to Hot Springs. The line will be a direct route between Chicago and Hot Springs.

Express Train Kills Three.

The southwestern express on the Pennsylvania Railroad ran down a party of three at South Fork, Pa., killing Joseph Petargone, a miner, aged 35 years, and Mary Petargone, his wife, 35 years old, and fatally injuring Petargone's daughter, Lizzy, aged 3 years.

Safe Is Blown to Pieces.

A gang of cracksmen blew a safe to pieces in the store of the J. C. J. Co. at Columbus, Ohio, and escaped with more than \$500 in money and notes. Many heard the explosion, but no one got out in time to catch the men.

Census of the Klondike.

Telegraphic advices from Dawson state that the census of the Klondike has been completed. The population of Dawson is 5,044, and of the Klondike 3,397. The district has 2,767 British subjects and 5,539 citizens of the United States.

Murder and Suicide.

At Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Lucy Christ shot her husband, Hugh Christ, a roller at the mills of the Iron and Steel Company, and then placed the revolver against her right temple and sent a bullet into her brain, death resulting instantly.

Death Rides Texas Storm.

A cloudburst, accompanied by a high wind, descended upon Waco, Texas, at noon the other day, and the result is that eight people perished in the city limits and property valued at several thousand dollars was destroyed or injured.

Prefers Death to Baldness.

In despair over his baldness, a man would not grow long, Mrs. Frederica Rhume attempted suicide at her residence in Philadelphia. Her husband found her lying unconscious on the bath room floor, with a half-pint bottle of poison beside her.

John Blagg Drowned in Kansas.

The body of John Blagg, a prominent farmer, was found in the Kansas river near Abilene, Kan. The body had evidently been in the water for several days. Blagg was a prosperous farmer.

A College "Scandal."

Peabody Normal College trustees at Nashville, Tenn., discovered that one of their needy art students was a freemason. She had been accepted as a Jewess.

Death of a Civil War Nurse.

Harriet J. Dyer, a nurse from New Hampshire, known by name to many Union and Confederate soldiers, died at Concord.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, 2 to 4, \$2.00 to \$2.50; corn, No. 2, 35c to 41c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 24c; rice, No. 2, 55c to 58c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 12c; potatoes, choice, 25c to 40c per bushel.

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THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1900.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The trout season opened, Tuesday, and fish stories abound.

For Doors, Sash, Glass and Putty go to A. Kraus.

Boys—Sunday, April 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kropp, a daughter.

Detroit White Lead Works Paints, Oils and Varnishes at A. Kraus.

Pay your subscription and subscribe for the Household.

Crescent Bicycles.

Selling, Hanson & Co.

Muresco is the best Wall Finish in the market. Sold by Colter & Co.

Headquarters for fishing tackle at Fournier's Drug Store.

For a Rambler, Ideal or Hudson Bicycle go to A. Kraus.

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Services will be held at the Protestant Methodist Church, Thursday May 10th.

It will pay you to see our new line of fishing tackle before buying. Fournier's Drug Store.

Pros. Attorney DeWaele, of Roscommon, was here last week, trying a log lien suit in justice court.

Crescent Bicycles.

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Miss Althea McIntyre was home from her school, for her semi-occasional Sunday visit.

Oliver, Ward, Greenville, and Bement Plows, Harrows and Cultivators for sale by A. Kraus.

Peter E. Johnson and family returned from their visit to Denmark last Friday.

Field peas and King corn at

Selling, Hanson & Co.

Farmers are busy putting in oats and peas, and plowing for other spring crops.

Subscribe for the "Avalanche" and "The Household." Only \$1.25 per year.

Last week was regular examination in our school, and all departments report satisfactory progress.

All kinds of garden seed at

Selling, Hanson & Co.

Miss Habbitt has left his engine and moved on his homestead down the river, for a mossback summer.

For Sale—The house and lots known as the Metcalf property, one block north of the school house.

A. R. Brink has improved his residence property by the erection of a neat fence.

Peninsular Stoves and Ranges

guaranteed the best. Sold by A. KRAUS.

Jas. Ballard made a visit to Chesaning last week, returning Monday, accompanied by his mother.

The Band Concert in the Court House grounds will be held Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

R. Hanson attended a meeting of the beet sugar manufacturers at Bay City, Tuesday.

Seed for the farm and garden in best quality only. Selling, Hanson & Co.

Geo. L. Alexander and wife joined Detroit parties here, enroute to their fishing grounds, Monday afternoon.

Jos. Croteau's store is doing a good business at rock-bottom prices. Located corner Goupil House.

R. Joseph has bought the residence property occupied by C. Tremblay on Peninsular Avenue.

All kinds of seed for the farm and garden at Selling, Hanson & Co.

Selk Solomon, of Oscoda, has the river drive this year, and has built a large scow here for use of the crew on the river.

Our little folks are made happy during their leisure hours in gathering trailing Arbutus, which is unusually prolific and finely flowered.

Invest a few dollars in fertilizer and see the result. Phosphate and Potato Grower at Selling, Hanson & Co.

The W. R. C. will give an Ice Cream Social, at their hall, on Friday evening, May 4th. Everybody come.

H. Ward will put in 240 acres of spring crops on new ground in Maple Forest. He has 30 men now getting the land ready.

Albert Kraus has just received a full line of fishing tackle which he sells at reasonable prices. The only tackle that catches the fish.

Mammoth Glycer, June Clover, White Clover, Alsike, Alfalfa, Timothy, Millet Seed, and Hungarian at Selling, Hanson & Co.

O. Palmer attended the district convention, at Standish, Tuesday, and is at the State Convention, at Detroit to-day.

The lucky number that drew the Sewing Machine, of Mrs. Wm. Rutledge, of Frederic, was No. 92, and was drawn by Mr. Edward Bigelow.

J. W. Sorenson is agent for the sale of the best Sewing Machines in the market. Machines guaranteed. Call and examine machines, and get prices.

For Sale—Cheaper than to pay rent, one of the cosiest homes in Grayling, in good repair, and nicely situated. Also a fine six octave organ. Enquire at the "Avalanche" office.

The fire alarm sounded again on Tuesday afternoon, the depot being on fire again. It was extinguished, however, before the arrival of the department.

The Ladies Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Sleight, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon. A full attendance is desired.

Orders for parts of all kinds, and for all kinds of Sewing Machines will have special attention at J. W. Sorenson's. He also keeps a good assortment of Machine Needles.

Mrs. Atkins, of Petoskey, has opened dressmaking parlors over the City meat market where she would be pleased to receive a share of the patronage of the ladies of Grayling.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Ousted "News", published by B. E. Thayer, who served as Devil and apprentice in the "Avalanche" office. He makes a good local paper.

Dr. Insley visited Bay City last week, ostensibly on business, but knowing ones claim it was because he was tired of living alone. Mrs. Insley returned with him, and reports an enjoyable visit.

Monday's train was loaded with disciples of Sir Isaac. Carriages met them at the depot, and drove to the several club houses on the river for supper, so they were ready for sport early May 1st.

For anything in the line of foot wear call on John Goudrow, Opera House block. His goods are first class, and will be sold at cost during the next two weeks. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

Ladies if you want your shirt waists done up just as good as new bring them to the Grayling Steam Laundry. You can also have your lace curtains done up for fifty cents per pair during the month of May.

Our special offer of the "The Household" one year to our paid up subscribers for twenty-five cents expires June 1st. This is the greatest offer we have ever made. The magazine is among the best. If you want it, subscribe now.

B. W. Chase, of Grand Rapids, representing the Harrison-Wagon Co., was in town last week. He reports booming business, and the factory turning out a complete wagon every twenty minutes, ten hours a day. Mr. Chase is always a welcome visitor in our city.

Marvin Post G. A. R. are making arrangements for the proper observation of Decoration Day. The W. R. C. and Circle of the G. A. R., the school and it is hoped other civic societies, will join. The programme will be published as soon as completed by the committee. In the years past our citizens have unitedly joined with us in the remembrance of "our fallen heroes."

During the terrific wind of Monday forenoon the alarm of fire was sounded, and no paid city department ever gave quicker or better service. The M. C. passenger and eating house had ignited in the roof, and was saved only by the best of work. Just as that was gotten under control, fire was discovered under Delaire's livery barn, but the boys ran a line of hose there and hooded it in a minute. Hurrah for our "fire ladders."

The census enumerators for Crawford county, who will begin work June 1st, are J. J. Niederer, Maple Forest; W. Batterson, Frederic; J. J. Collins, Towans 27 N R 2 W, 26 N R 3 W, north of river, and 27 N R 3 W; Chas. Clark, 26 N R 2 W, 26 N R 3 W, south of river, and 26 N R 4 W, the two last covering Grayling township and village; A. Palling, Beaver Creek, and D. S. Waldron, South Bay City. It is a section that is troubled by water during the spring freshets, and needs only to be dyked to put it into condition for growing crops. Messrs. Burton and Hanson are large stockholders in the Bay City Sugar Company, and it may have been with a view of raising sugar beets on a large scale that they went into the project. The land will not be dyked this season.

Late Pupils.

The following pupils were late last week:

High School—None.

Grades 6 and 7—Lloyd Jennings, Ray Amidon, Gottle Kraus.

Grade 6—None.

Grade 4—Ralph Collen.

Grade 3—None.

Grade 2—None.

Grade 1—Samuel Rasmussen, Agnes Rasmussen, John Bondy, John Kropp.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at Mrs. Hempstead's, to-morrow (Friday) for business.

A Fast Bicycle Rider.

Will often receive painful cuts, sprains or bruises from accidents. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and heal the injury. It's the cyclist's friend. Cures chafing, chapped hands, sore lips, burns, ulcers and piles. Care guaranteed. Only 25c. Try it. Sold by L. Fournier druggist.

Postmaster Bates has received a supply of postage stamps put up in the new style, books containing 12, 24 and 48 stamps, with oiled paper between the stamps to prevent them from sticking to each other. One cent extra is charged for the convenient form, the price being 25 cents for 12 stamps, 40 cents for 24 and 97 cents for 48 two cent stamps.

A Keen, Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your stomach and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by L. Fournier, druggist.

Farmers, take your census before that official comes around. Set down the number of acres in each crop, quantity grown and its value. Put down also the number of live stock, value of product from dairy cows, poultry, etc. Let it all be in black and white when the census agent appears, then you will not have to guess, and the farm census for 1900 will not be all guess-work.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin, of Dixie, Ky., before he gave this evidence: I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then tried Dr. King's New Discovery which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for four years and recommend it as the greatest remedy for coughs, colds and all throat, chest and lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough and not only prevents but absolutely cures consumption. Price 30c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at L. Fournier's Drug Store.

The prizes offered for attendance at farmer institutes for the winter of 1898-1899 have just been awarded as follows: Largest attendance at general session, Oscoda county, first, \$10; Gladwin county, second, \$5; largest attendance at women's session, Livingston county, \$5; largest one day institute, Sanilac county, \$5; largest institute membership list, Allegan county, first, \$10; Branch county, second, \$5.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lima, Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Call stores had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by L. Fournier.

Detroit Live Stock Market.

M. C. LIVE STOCK YARDS, Detroit May 1, 1900.

The demand for live cattle is quiet this week; receipts have been moderate of late. The following prices are being paid at the Detroit Live Stock Market:

Prime steers and heifers \$1.50 to \$1.60; heavy butchers' cattle, \$4.00 to \$4.50; common, \$2.75 to \$3.75; canners' cows, \$1.50 to \$2.50; stockers and feeders active at \$3.25 to \$4.25.

Milk cows, steady at \$25.00 to \$30.00; calves, active at \$3.00 to \$5.00. Sheep and lambs, receipts and higher; prime lambs \$5.75 to \$6.10; mixed \$4.50 to \$5.00; culls \$3.00 to \$5.00. Hogs are the leading feature in this market; fair receipts; trade is active at the following prices: Prime mediums \$5.45 to \$5.55; Yorkers \$5.35 to \$5.40; pigs \$5.00 to \$5.10; rough \$4.50 to \$5.00; stags, 1 off; cripples, \$1.00 per cwt. off.

"Keeping Cows for Profit" is the well chosen title of the newest work on practical dairying to come under our notice. We understand that a large issue of this little publication is being gratuitously circulated with the compliments of The De Laval Separator Co., 74 Cortland Street, New York, which concern offers to send a copy to every reader of the "Avalanche" upon request.

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Claggett & Blair want you to trade at their store and they will use you right, supply your wants in nice fresh Groceries and Dry Goods, and 'Phit your Phut' with Shoes. We enumerate a few of our specialties.

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Mortgage Sale.

MORTGAGE sale under the power of sale contained in mortgage, Mary Slaght is the mortgagee and standard Savings and Loan Association of Detroit, Michigan, is the mortgagee. The mortgage bears date April 25th, 1898, was recorded May 2, 1898 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber D of Mortgages, on pages 363 and 364. Mortgagee does hereby declare the principal and interest now due, and there is due at this date on said mortgage One hundred five and 10/100 Dollars—\$105.00—plus interest.

The undersigned, C. C. Wescott, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, viz: The West Branch of the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, viz: The Village of Grayling, Michigan. This land will be sold at the front door of the Court House in the Village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, on Friday, the 27th day of July, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, costs and expenses of said sale, and the attorney fee provided for in mortgage and by law. Dated May 2nd, 1900.

STANDARD SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee.

BARBON & WESCOTT, Attorneys for Mortgagee, my3-JW 30 Bush Block, Detroit, Michigan.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. County of Crawford. A 7 a Session of the Probate Court, for said county, held at the Probate Office, in the village of Grayling, on the third day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and present JOHN J. COVATY, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Marian C. Batton, deceased, do hereby certify that the said petitioner gave notice to the heirs at law and persons interested in said estate, of the pending of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the "Crawford Avalanche" a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(GIVEN) J. J. COVATY, Judge of Probate.

THIS PAPER is on file in the Probate Office at the Court House, in the village of Grayling, Michigan, and is subject to the inspection of all parties interested.

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A contract made over the telephone is legal and binding, according to a decision recently rendered in a Pennsylvania law suit.

British Aristocracy Blamed.
Many people attribute their recent reverses to democracy. "The life of luxury does not produce vigor. Indigestible suppers, constant nerve strain and lack of exercise upset the stomach. The blood that makes health comes from healthy stomachs. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters purifies the blood and strengthens the stomach. It cures constipation, indigestion and dyspepsia.

Tokyo, Japan, has twenty-two crematory furnaces.

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Hon. Dan. A. Grosvenor, Deputy Auditor for the War Department, in a letter written from Washington, D. C., says: "Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from one bottle of Peruna. One week has brought wonderful changes and I am now as well as ever. Besides being one of the very best spring tonics, it is an excellent catarrh remedy." Very respectfully, Dan. A. Grosvenor.

Malaga has about sixteen rainy days a year and at least 200 days when the sky is cloudless.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to show you a package of GRAIN-O! The new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich smell of brown Mocha or Java but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

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THE FIRST GRANDCHILD.

"Grandmother!" called the farmer, and there came Out through the vine-wreathed porch a blushing dame, surprised and eager at the strange new name.

The clock within rang forth the chime for eight. "A message? Read it quick, how can you wait?" Her husband, smiling, leaned upon the gate.

At arm's length holding in his trembling hand The crisp white sheet, while the writing scanned, Then read once more, with voice almost unraised;

"Thy granddaughter salutes thee, 'Baby Bell.' Mother and child, thank God, are doing well. A moment's silence on the proud twin fell.

She broke it soon. "Grandfather, I congratulate you." "What, me?" the good man cried, lifting his hat—"Grandfather—me? I hadn't thought of that."

"I grow weaker. I wish I had a good servant. Eliza is wasteful, impudent and inclined to be dishonest."

"I will drive over to Tourney to-morrow and secure a good servant, uncle." He did so, and escorted his companion to his uncle's home with many pride, and introduced her as Gladys Grey. "She has been highly recommended and I am positive will suit us."

In about a week Mr. Clayton Sr. began to wonder how he had ever existed without his new housekeeper. Gladys was untiring in her efforts to please and amuse Uncle Noel, and in his most painful moments of distress no hand was as soothing as was Gladys'.

The old man sat musing a long time. A vague mistrust of Gladys had crossed his mind, a wonder why a woman so gentle and refined, so evidently a lady, was serving in a master's capacity.

When Herman came in at ten time he found his uncle flushed and excited. In a few words the cause of the agitation was communicated to the young man: "You think Gladys is not what she seems, uncle?"

"I was hasty, Herman, hurt and surprised. Tell me, now, how did it happen?" "I scarcely know how to tell you, sir," replied Herman respectfully. "Where did you meet this girl?"

"Miss Gordon," said Herman, "was very intimate with Mr. Delvine's daughters. I met her there. Mr. Del-

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WHEN THE ALARM BELL RINGS AT MAFEKING.



When the Boers begin firing shell into Mafeking the alarm bell in the market place is rung to give warning to the inhabitants. Sometimes a shell drops into the town without warning having been given. The sketch from which this illustration was made was sent to London by an English officer, who says that on such occasions the inhabitants scatter right and left. Some fling themselves on the ground and one man was heard to say, as he groveled on the ground: "If anybody says he's not afraid of these shells he's a liar!"

Mr. Bangs received the following letter from a city in one of the Pacific States: "Dear Sir—I have been asked to respond to a toast at our Board of Trade's annual dinner next month, and I write to inquire what would be your loveliest terms for preparing a good, rattling, funny speech for me to deliver on that occasion. A prompt reply will oblige. Yours very truly,

"To which Mr. Bangs immediately sat down and penned the following answer: "Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 1st inst., and in reply would say that my regular rate for after-dinner speeches is \$300 per speech. I have not as yet, however, opened up this line of goods in the West, and as I am anxious to secure custom in that part of the country, I will offer you special terms, namely, \$250 for such an address as you desire, the amount to be sent as down on shipment is made. If the terms proposed are satisfactory, kindly let me know at once, but in that case I would request you not to mention the matter to Chauncey Dewey or Gen. Horace Porter, as I should not like them to know that I am cutting rates. Truly yours,

"JOHN KENDRICK BANGS."

This letter was duly sent, and on the day when it reached its destination Mr. Bangs received the following telegram: "Your letter just received. If Chauncey Dewey's speeches are written by you, then I don't want one."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Black Coats.

An English clergyman, rather pompous of manner, according to Spare Moments was fond of chatting with a witty chimney sweep.

Once, when the minister returned from his summer holidays, he happened to meet his youthful acquaintance, who seemed to have been at work.

"Where have you been?" asked the clergyman.

"Sweeping the chimneys at the year, age," was the boy's answer.

"How many chimneys are there, and how much do you get for each?" was the next question.

The sweep said there were twenty chimneys, and that he was paid a shilling apiece.

The clergyman, after thinking a moment, looked at the sweep in apparent astonishment. "You have earned a great deal of money in a little time," he remarked solemnly, wondering, probably, what the sooty fellow would reply.

"Yes," said the sweep, throwing his bag over his shoulder as he started away, "we who wear black coats get our money very easily!"

Napoleon and the Press.

"When I returned from Elba," Napoleon is quoted as saying, in the Century, "I found, among other papers of the Bourbons, an account of 6,000 francs paid monthly to the editors of the Times, besides taking a hundred numbers monthly, and I had no offer from them to write for me for payment. I had offers from the editors of several English newspapers to write for me, even during the time of war, previous to my going to Elba, and to insert news and everything else I wished, and that money would be taken to send them to France. I did not do it. I was wrong, however, I ought to have accepted their offers, and then my name would not have been held in such odium in England as it was. They said themselves to me, 'For in the end these newspapers formed the public opinion, and always will do. I was very wrong; I see it now.'"

Why She Refrains.

"It is true. My wife never scolds, never scowls, never frowns."

"Do you expect us to believe such nonsense?"

"I do. Why not? I can explain."

"She doesn't scold because it twists her mouth; she doesn't scowl because it gives her crow'sfeet, and she doesn't frown because it brings wrinkles."

"Good. But inwardly?"

"Don't ask me. The question is too harrowing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

American-Made Shoes the Better.

It is the uniform testimony of Americans when they return from an extended visit abroad that they can get neither better nor more durable shoes here than they can in England and Germany, and for less money. The dexterity of the American operatives and the perfection of the American machinery are combining to bring to this country the shoe manufacturing business of a large part of the world.—Burlington Hawkeye.

Not a Man's Life.

"Such a double life as his is not altogether manly!"

A Spanish patent is subject to an annual tax, the amount being assessed by Government officials according to their ideas of the value of the device.

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Just as surely indicates that the blood is lacking in vitality and the elements of health as does the most obstinate humor that the vital fluid is full of impurities. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures that tired feeling by enriching and vitalizing the blood, creating a good appetite and invigorating every organ of the body.

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Is entirely different from all the various alabastines on the market, being durable and not stuck on the wall with glue. Alabastine customers should insist on having the goods in packages properly labeled. They should reject all imitations. There is nothing "just as good."

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Prevents much sickness, particularly throat and lung difficulties, attributable to unsanitary coatings on walls. It has been recommended in a paper published by the Michigan State Board of Health on account of its sanitary features, which paper strongly condemned alabastine. Alabastine can be used on either plastered walls, wood ceilings, brick or cement, and any one can brush it on. It is entirely different from all the various alabastines on the market, being durable and not stuck on the wall with glue. Alabastine customers should insist on having the goods in packages properly labeled. They should reject all imitations. There is nothing "just as good."

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REST

"I wish I knew what was the matter with me, my cheeks are so pale, my lips so white, my muscles so weak, and my nerves seem to be all unstrung. I am just about as tired and depressed in the morning as I am at night. If I could only get some rest, but sleep seems to do me no good."

Shall we tell you what is the matter?

That's Anemia

Anemia—it's another name for starved blood, thin blood, poor blood. Of course this isn't the kind to have. What you want is rich blood, red blood. You want the old color back to your cheeks and lips. You want your nerves once more strong and steady. To make this change you must take a perfect Sarsaparilla, a Sarsaparilla made upon honor, a Sarsaparilla that you have confidence in.

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What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

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A powder to shake into your shoes. It rests the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Sore, Hot, Chafed, Aching, Swelling Feet and Itching Nails. Allen's Foot-Ease makes new or tight shoes easy. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Unwin, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Earnest Letters from Women Relieved of Pain by Mrs. Pinkham.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before I commenced to take your medicine I was in a terrible state, wishing myself dead a good many times. Every part of my body seemed to pain, in some way. At time of menstruation my suffering was something terrible. I thought there was no cure for me, but after taking several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound all my bad feelings were gone. I am now well and enjoying good health. I shall always praise your medicine."—Mrs. AMOS FESCHLER, Box 226, Romeo, Mich.

Female Troubles Overcome.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I had female trouble, painful menses, and kidney complaint, also stomach trouble. About a year ago I happened to pick up a paper that contained an advertisement of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and when I read how it had helped others, I thought it might help me, and decided to give it a trial. I did so, and as a result am now feeling perfectly well. I wish to thank you for the benefit your medicine has been to me."—Mrs. CLARA STIERER, Diller, Neb.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Your Vegetable Compound has been of much benefit to me. When my menses first appeared they were very irregular. They occurred too often and did not leave for a week or more. I always suffered at these times with terrible pains in my back and abdomen. Would be in bed for several days and would not be exactly rational at times. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and menses became regular and pains left me entirely."—Mrs. R. F. CUSTER, Brule, Wis.

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AN OLD STORY.

I was nineteen, she twenty-eight. When first I saw her lovely face. Her fair form of lissome grace. I knew that I had met my fate. When, as I saw her golden hair. Her carnal lip, her coquett eye. I muttered, with a furtive sigh. "Ye gods, but she is passing fair!"

She twenty-eight and I nineteen. I took to gloves and neckties bright. To find more favor in her sight. Of my affections she was queen; Alternate hope and dark despair. Would mount or rankle in my breast; She spoiled a good deal of my rest. I said that she was passing fair.

She twenty-eight, I twenty-eight! I see the powder on her face; Her form has angles more than grace. Her eyes are blue, but not quite straight. I really thought my love would last. But feeling years will love impair. I thought that she was passing fair. And so she was—but now she's past.

—Chicago Record.

OVER SUMMER SEAS.

The Agnostical Lover and His Rude Awakening.
BY GWYNDOLEN OVERTON.

It was, manifest to Brooke almost from the very first that the gods had intended her for him. If he had told any one of his conviction, he would have said that the gods had intended them for each other, but when he thought about it in his inmost soul, he put it off the first way. And he thought about it a good deal. You have to think altogether more than is good for you when you are three weeks at sea, and the passengers are very largely lissom and unprofitable, and it is too hot to move, much less to play ball. That is why men who are ordinarily active and sane do such idiotic things on ship-board, if they are given half a chance. Not that Brooke did anything foolish, though; he always congratulated himself on that. But he had his chance, and few men could have asked a better one. She was pretty, and agreeable, and well-bred, and all the rest of it—satisfactory in every way. They had not yet gotten off San Jose when he had decided that she would suit. But he did not tell her so then. It does not do to spoil a woman. If there was any objection to her at all it was that she was a trifle, just a mere trifle, spoiled already.

But she was very much interested in him. She made him talk about himself. Yes, plainly the gods had planned the whole thing, after all. "It was sufficiently romantic, too," he had seen her first in the steamship office at Panama. She had observed him with a side-long glance and had commented to the elderly gentleman who was with her. The elderly gentleman had turned and looked, and she had bent over the deck-plank of the steamer and had said she wanted her state room on the shore side, and on deck. So Brooke, having inquired as to what hour the tender would go over to the steamer, went out about the morning and took a cab to La Boca, just to see if it were still there.

She and the elderly gentleman were already on the tender when he stepped aboard that afternoon. She saw him coming down the wharf. He knew that she did, and furthermore he believed that she had been watching for him; which she had, but young men ought not to understand those things. However, she did not look at him again until they went aboard the steamer. Then she had to, because they both had letters to the captain, and the captain introduced them. Her name was Farrar, and the elderly gentleman, who was her father, called her Winifred. Brooke liked the elderly gentleman as an accessory. The fathers of charming girls are not always ornamental, even in the middle distance, but Mr. Farrar was creditable. No fellow need be ashamed of him at the trying moment of "Who gives this woman?" no other. Then they all went in search of their respective state-rooms and did not meet again until dinner.

It was only the first dinner. The purser, who is undoubtedly heaven's clear upon earth in the match-making business, had not had time to observe and distribute fittings, so they sat wherever they listed, or wherever they had it, which for Brooke was across the table, and not even opposite to her. He bowed as he took his seat, and he bowed when he whirled around and got up, and for the rest they both conversed with each other, via the captain. The captain had seen that same thing before. He consented sweetly to be talked at, but he was not fooled. His eyes twinkled. He observed how Brooke ate enough nuts to make him very sick and how he looked unamiable when, even with that, Mr. Farrar outlast him.

That evening Brooke went into the purser's cabin to look at some pearls tied up in the corner of a grimy handkerchief. He did not understand that purser sees everything, and do not need to be taught his business. Brooke was one of those pleasant people to have about who are on the supposition that you are a fool, until you prove yourself otherwise, which is a rule of conduct having the properties of a boomerang. So he brought the conversation round in this wise. He asked if they were likely to have a pleasant trip. The purser said that they usually did, at that time of year. Brooke hoped the passengers would be agreeable, too. The purser thought the Farrars looked promising. Brooke thought so, too, and added: "I say! You're going to put me beside Miss Farrar, aren't you?" He said that he was, and Brooke immediately lost all interest in the little nickel nubbins of pearls, and went back on deck, where it was cool, and the purser smiled as he looked his treasures in the safe again.

Brooke came in to breakfast a little late the next morning. Miss Farrar was already seated, looking particularly nice, too, in what is known to men as "some soft, white material," with a randy silk Panama shawl around her shoulders. The intelligent waiter shoved Brooke to the next chair. Miss

Farrar asked him to explain why it is that the sun rises on the wrong side of the world in Panama Bay; which gave him the requisite feeling of superiority at once. He did not happen to know that it did, because he had not been up to see, but he explained it, anyway. After breakfast he bought her agate-ones from the bum-boats alongside, and told her he would show her at luncheon how to eat them. She knew, but she pretended she did not, and Brooke's opinion of her attractions waxed.

After that the course of things in general was as smooth as that of the vessel, as it cut its way States-ward through the pale summer seas. By day they sat under the awnings and talked, and by night they sat up in the bow, way up in the very peak, where, if you had the least possible good opinion of yourself—and a girl of excellent taste to help you along—you could fancy you rather suggested Tristan. Which—thrown in a good cigar, whose red point of five gives just enough light in darkness to enable you to see a pair of admiring gray eyes turned up to you—is as pleasant a way of passing an evening as a fellow could wish. They sometimes watched the Southern Cross shining all alone on its field of blue-black, evening across the heavens, and they were silent. Silence and the Southern Cross have accomplished many things.

They went ashore together at Manzanillo, also at Acapulco, and they were alone in the boat—the elderly gentleman having gone ashore ahead, and the beautiful Mexican youth who rowed not counting—he sang softly, that "the waves were the highways, so deep, so deep; the waters here by ways, asleep, asleep," and ended with the sentiment that "this true lovers tasted life, still, still." He had a very nice voice. Miss Farrar told him so, and wondered how much longer, at the average calculation, it would be before it would come down from generalities to personalities. Not that she was in any haste. On the contrary, she liked it as it was. What could be more charming than to drift on—over the smooth water, faintest blue in the early morning, deep blue, dark as lapis lazuli at noon, steely gray at sunset, alive with phosphorescence at night, and to have ever beside you a youth, handsome, agreeable, and devoted with that devotion most flattering to a woman's ego, the proprietary, everybody-shake-out sort? A youth always perfectly willing to let you talk about him, or to do it himself.

Miss Farrar knew all about Brooke, not only what he had told her, but what she had observed, which latter Brooke did not take into consideration; though it was important. She knew who he was, and that he had been down to Quito for the past two years, and that he was now going up to San Francisco to be best-man for his chum, who was about to be married. "It's an old promise," he explained, "dating from our college days. We agreed then that whichever should marry first the other should come from the ends of the earth, if necessary, to see him through. Tom sent for me, and here I am." Miss Farrar asked what Tom's other name might be. It was Bolton. Brooke forgot about himself just long enough to ask if she happened to know Bolton, but he did not listen when she answered. He interrupted to wonder if he would have a good time in San Francisco. What sort of a town was it for a fellow who didn't know many people? Miss Farrar explained amiably.

Now every one knows that the pleasantest and most fitting occupation a woman can have is to talk to a man about himself. Because that makes him like her, which is, of course, her one object in life. But even a charming girl who understands her place in the scheme of creation has an underlying human taste for just a pinch of variety. Miss Farrar would have liked to have him show some interest in herself, as disconnected from him, for just five short minutes. Brooke did not think of that. He went on to tell her something that had happened between Tom and himself at college; something in which he figured rather more creditably than Tom did. And she listened as she watched the desolate yellow coast of Lower California, forsaken of God and man, of all but the sweeping winds, and the whipping waves of the sea. She listened, for she never failed of a keen interest in what a fellow was saying, but she was thinking of other things; of how he would have brought upon himself any consequences that might now ensue, and of how it would serve him good and right anyway. From which it may be seen that appearances are deceptive, and that the most lovely woman may have a streak of meanness in her you would never suspect.

Poor Brooke, who had given her his whole heart—he was sure of it now and meant to tell her so some time soon—never so much as guessed at it. She knew he did not. He did not guess anything at all about her, and did not try to. A woman is a vain creature at bottom. She likes to be made to think that some few of her thoughts and actions have a minor sort of importance. There are men who understand this—and end for good wives. The other sort ends life as Thomee incompris. But he begins it by being understood. Brooke felt that he was understood, better than ever before, by the woman of so much perplexity was the one for him. However, there was no hurry about telling her so. He was going to call on her in San Francisco. Besides her name and that she was returning from New York, he knew this much about her—that she lived on Pacific avenue. He believed she had said something about the view of the bay, from there, but he had not paid much attention.

So they stood side by side upon the anchor cables all that last morning, speculating on the points along the coast, betting on the number of the pilot-boat, desecrating the Cliff House, watching the city spreading out and over its hills. Brooke said: "By Jove! it is a big place; a lot bigger than I had supposed." It was cold in the bay to those who had come up from the South. So, after the pilot-boat, which had brought out the doctors, or curious people, or something, shot off again, they went and sat on the crimson-plush seat in the social hall. Miss Farrar was a little absent-minded.

Even Brooke saw it. He laid it down to a very natural agitation at having to leave him. However, he would fix that in a day or two.

They came alongside the dock at last. A fellow standing there foremost among the little crowd lifted his hat. "By Jove! it was Tom." How could he have guessed that he—Brooke—would be on this boat? They were up among the cables again, now.

"Have a good trip?" Tom called. Brooke started to answer, but Miss Farrar was in ahead of him. He was surprised, not to say a trifle annoyed. Then he recalled that she had said something about knowing Bolton.

While they waited for the gang-plank to be put down, Brooke decided that he might as well give Farrar the solace of a hint of his intentions. "May I call to-night?" he asked. He did a little proprietary pantomime for Tom's benefit. Miss Farrar blushed and hesitated. He interpreted it as consent, and was so pleased that he went a little further. "I want to see you quite alone—dear."

"I'm awfully—" she started, but at that moment the gang-plank was lowered and the rush began.

Brooke followed the Farrars down, carrying his own suit-case and her bag.

"So you two come on the same boat?" Tom was saying, and he was holding her hand all the time, too. "I thought, perhaps, you might. Of course you know," he begged upon them both, "that Brooke is to be our best man, Winifred."

"Yes," Winifred said, she knew.

"It's funny you struck the same boat," Tom insisted; "I wish I had thought to cable you, old fellow, that Miss Farrar would be aboard."

"Yes," said Brooke, "I wish you had."

\$20,000 IN TWELVE HOURS.

A Story From Alaska, With a Pleasant Termination.

This is the story of Alexander McDonald, one of the best-known characters in the Yukon Valley. He is a great, lumbering Scotchman—born in Nova Scotia—who up to the time of the Klondike discoveries, never had an idea of winning a greater fortune than that of a day laborer. He worked from mining camp to mining camp all along the northwest. So slow was he and so awkward in his work—his feet entirely in his way and his bulk a misfit for the size of prospect holes—that he was reputed never to be able to hold a job for longer than three weeks. He was at Dawson shortly after the first locations were made on the Klondike. He went out with numerous stampedes, but never arrived in time to locate a paying claim. Finally he stumbled across a newspaper-man named Hunt, who had a claim on Bonanza Creek. Hunt was discouraged, because he had not the funds necessary to develop it. This claim McDonald purchased for three hundred dollars, and set about developing it in his usual slow and aimless fashion. Finding the claim fairly rich, he put on a force of laborers and in a few weeks had taken out eighty thousand dollars. This sum he used immediately to purchase other claims. All that year, he bought right and left everything of any promise that was offered to him, often mortgaging the claims thus bought to buy still other ground. Many of the ventures came to naught, but a few gave such phenomenal returns that he speedily took the rating of a millionaire. Out of one claim on El Dorado Creek he shoveled twenty thousand dollars in twelve hours. To-day he is probably worth between two and three million dollars.

Many others came to success even more suddenly than McDonald. One man on Bonanza Creek took out thirty thousand dollars in a single day. A pan of gravel on El Dorado Creek yielded its lucky owner twenty-one hundred dollars. This same man cleaned up three thousand ounces of dust and nuggets from his first week's work.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES.

Basutos Employed by the British Military Railroads.

The British are employing a large number of Basutos to repair and lay the railroads in the Orange Free State that are essential to the advance of the army and the maintenance of communications with the base of supplies. Thus the natives are now to participate, for the first time on a large scale, in work that is related to the war.

The Basutos have no friendly sentiments for the Orange Free State Boers who incorporated in their republic a part of Basutoland. The Zulus have always hated the Transvaal Boers, with whom they had many a hard fight in what is now Natal, and by whom the Matabele branch of the Zulus were driven north of the Crocodile River. The Basutos and Zulus are the strongest native elements in South Africa. These tribes supply a large part of the manual labor throughout South Africa, but their efficiency falls below that of the average American negro. They have not reached the same plane of civilization, their wants are fewer and more easily supplied, and after a term of service they usually wish to return to their homes for a long period of idleness; so it has been found necessary to supplement them by the importation of thousands of Indian coolies. Still, they are by far the largest element in the labor market. Sixty thousand of them were at work in the Witwatersrand and gold-fields when the war began; all the labor in the diamond mines is supplied by the natives, and they are widely scattered at service through the towns and over the sheep and cattle farms.

They are prisoners as long as they work in the diamond mines. For one of the rigorous measures taken to prevent diamond stealing is to keep the native laborers in a compound from which they never emerge during their term of service, except to march under escort, to and from their work. But the South African natives are progressing, and their value as a factor in the development of the land is growing.

From Paris comes the news that purple hair will be the vogue this year.

MODES ARE DIVERSE.

THE APRIL FASHIONS SHOW FEW COMMON CHARACTERISTICS.

Outright Marks of Newness Are Few, but There Are a Few Points Characteristic of New Get-Ups that Will Be Found by Inspection.

New York correspondence:

ARELY do fashions late in April show so few common characteristics as they are now. A look of "perfect freshness" counts for more than it usually does, therefore, since there are so few other marks of newness. Still, a careful inspection makes clear a few points characteristic of nearly all the new get-ups. Waist measure is large. Actual belt line is not only longer because of the dip in front, but the size allowed the waist is greater than ever before in the history of modern fashions. A large importer of costly gowns is authority for the statement that the average imported model dress of the present season allowed a waist measure of twenty-six inches. Skirts are long, spreading at the feet in front, trailing at the back.

Plains sarahs of delicate Persian colorings are a change from India silks, they come in patterns much like those of the India silks and are made up for the same class of wear. One tasteful dress from this stuff had ivory white pane sarah ground with half moons of black. The skirt was a deep heading of brilliant scarlet, and an underskirt of white chiffon showed. The bodice was a blouse drawn into a white satin belt. A deep yoke of white chiffon extended to the belt in a point. Set under the edge of the blouse and showing between it and the yoke was a deep heading of brilliant scarlet. It is a far later to wear a waistcoat of shirred silk or chiffon in brilliant color that shows not only where the jacket or blouse opens in front, but also above it and against the yoke. A collar of lace



EXAMPLES SET FOR SUMMER COPYING.

Trails tend to sweep directly from the belt, though many curve over the back first, and in some cases the train does not spring till a point about back of the knees is reached. Some variations of the bobble or even shows in half of the new dresses. Even when the bodice is all one, an effect of bobble or even is accomplished by trimming. Few skirts are plain. There are few overdresses, but the double skirt, the upper one open, inlaid with lace, or stretched to show the under, is usual.

Delicate color schemes prevail in embroidered gowns of white or delicately shaded cloth, and the liberality and richness of the embroidery are remarkable. The gown shown in the accompanying small picture was illustrative. Its skirt was pleated all around and was trimmed. The bodice was embroidered all over in pale lavender, and the layer yoke was in pale lavender tulle stitched and embroidered in white. This bodice's jacket arrangement was not a typical one except in the sense that equally pretty varieties are as plentiful as mushrooms. The gown shown in the next picture, a black and white, is a very delicate putty shade. On the skirt was a gray cloth, first in the next illustration. Black embroidery and black braid trimmed it, and velvet was gathered for its bodice belt. The other cloth gown was the second model of the concluding illustration, and was found in a very delicate putty shade. On the skirt was a gray cloth, first in the next illustration. 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